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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

Deputy Director for Intelligence

Deputy Director for Plans

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Conversations at SecDef Luncheon on 12 July

1. Enclosed is a copy of Memorandum for the Record of the substance of the conversations which took place at the last lunch with SecDef and Deputy SecDef.

2. The Director and I would like to have you bear in mind that paragraph 5 should not be a matter for discussion.

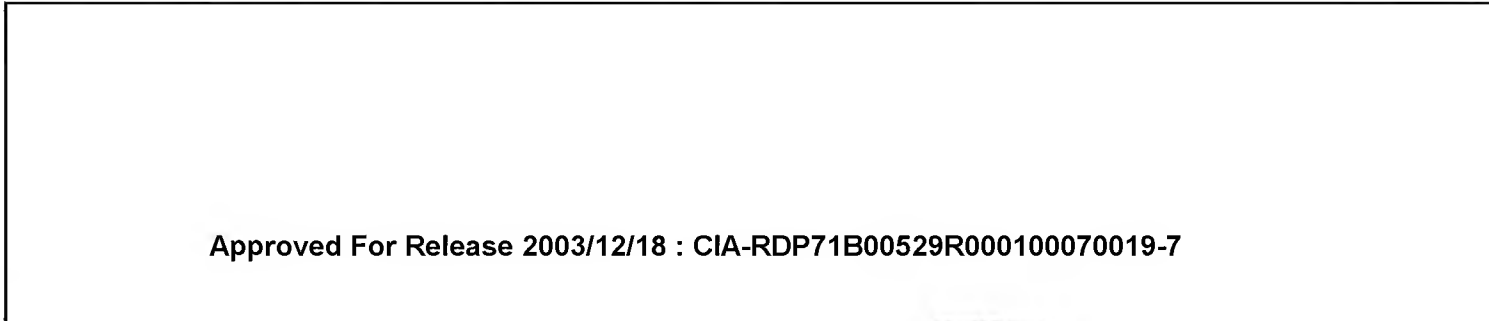
/S/ Rufus Taylor

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Deputy Director

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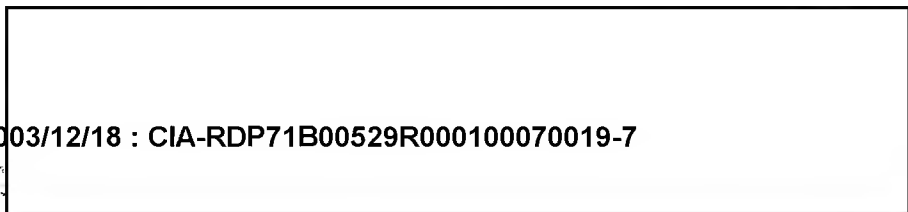
SUBJECT: Topics Discussed at Friday Luncheon (12 July 1968)
with Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of
Defense by DCI and DDCI

1. The Director referred to the Revolutionary Development Cadre program and suggested to Mr. Clifford that he take a good look at it during his current trip to Saigon. Mr. Clifford showed interest and did not demur.

2. The question of air support for Laos was discussed. The optimum requirement, minimum requirement and performance thus far were described together with the comment from our side to the effect that the matter had been discussed with Lt. General George Brown, prospective Commanding General of the 7th Air Force, who expressed interest and sympathy but pointed out that the problem is one of priorities. The Deputy SecDef was interested and expressed the view that the DDCI should take the matter up with Rear Admiral Lemos in ISA to see what can be done in the way of adjustment of priorities. This will be done.

3. The Director discussed the question of the Target Oriented Display (TOD) and the undersigned joined in to point out the fact that the TOD presently under development in the Department of Defense for their own purposes uses a different format and programs from the pilot project developed jointly by the CIA and DoD. It was explained that the provision of data for two quite separate programs imposes an excessive burden on the suppliers of data, e.g. DIA and NSA, and that it is completely impracticable to maintain two such projects. It was suggested that if the Defense Department project could be modified to include the formats desired by us, in particular the NIRB, in employing the TOD as a means of displaying the functional breakdown of intelligence expenditures, we could probably arrange to maintain the full TOD at CIA. This would permit all 4 major programs to be viewed at the same time under secure conditions and would afford the Department of Defense the opportunity

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of maintaining their own portion separately for whatever purposes they wished. The Deputy SecDef was completely sympathetic to and understanding of the problem and stated that we should continue to try to iron out differences with Systems Analysis but that when we come to a point where there are clear differences that can't be reconciled, he will again discuss the matter with the view towards arriving at a mutually acceptable decision. The DCI emphasized in his discussion of the problem the need to avoid wide-spread knowledge of this project, particularly as regards its use in Congressional discussions. Both the SecDef and Deputy SecDef indicated acquiescence in this view although no specific statements were made.

4. The Director briefly described the new National Intelligence Resources Board (NIRB). The undersigned, in discussing it in further detail, noted a somewhat different view on the part of the Deputy SecDef as to one of the functions of the Board. He seemed to have in mind the idea that it was to verify requirements and in this regard might cause some conflict with the EXCOM proceedings. It was explained to him that the NIRB operates entirely within the requirements established by USIB, as does NRO, and that the principal function of NIRB is to provide advice as to whether an adequate level of response can be achieved with a lesser commitment of resources or by a readjustment of emphasis within existing resources. The Deputy SecDef seemed satisfied that the NIRB in this context entails no likelihood of conflict with NRO or EXCOM functions.

5. In the course of discussion the Deputy SecDef indicated that he and the Secretary are considering establishing an Office of Special Assistant for intelligence matters and have Lt. General Carroll in mind for the job.

6. All of the discussions were most amicable. Later information indicates that Deputy SecDef considered it a very worthwhile and useful meeting. SecDef himself said very little and made no commitments, but obviously understood and took aboard the thrust of all of the comments.

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